

**Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools  
Department of Special Services**

**SCOLIOSIS SCREENING PROGRAM**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School districts are required by State law to perform spinal screenings once every two years on children age ten through eighteen. The purpose of the screening program is to identify spinal problems (scoliosis, lordosis and kyphosis) in their earliest stages.

Scoliosis, the most frequently identified spinal problem, is defined as a condition of the spine in which the spine may curve to the left or right. It is most commonly found during the time of rapid growth and may progress if not treated.

Pupils in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 will be screened throughout the school year. The screening will be performed on your child by the school nurse in each building. If for any reason you do not want your child screened, please complete the lower portion of this form and return it to the nurse in your child's school by \_\_\_\_\_.

If you wish to be present during the screening, call your school nurse to schedule an appointment.

If you have any further questions regarding this program, please contact your school nurse. You will be informed of any suspected problems.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Beese  
Director of Special Services

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my child screened for scoliosis.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my child screened for scoliosis. This condition has already been identified and he/she is being followed by our private physician.

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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_